

Park Seeking Comments on Cultural Center

The National Park Service at Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park is planning the creation of a Cultural Live-in Center, the vision of Hawaiian community members who lobbied to create the National Park in 1973. The creation of the Center was approved with the General Management Plan/EIS for the Park in 2004 to develop a facility for Hawaiian cultural activities and cultural education classes.

The National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Assessment to examine alternatives for constructing the center, including a proposed location change from the Kaloko parking lot area (named in the GMP). This Environmental Assessment (EA) looks at the possible environmental impacts of this project and is soliciting comments on the concerns and issues dealing with this project from the public. Information provided at prior Park meetings on the subject of the Live-in Center does not need to be re-submitted.

Persons interested in the proposed center may submit written comments by letter addressed to the Superintendent (see below). The 30 day comment period starts on January 21 and ends on February 20, 2010. Comments received after the February 20 deadline will be incorporated as possible. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment- including your personal identifying information- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses available for public inspection in their entirety. All comments become part of the Administrative Record. Requests for information about the proposed center should be directed to: Superintendent, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, 73-4786 Kanalani Street #14, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.

A Draft of the Environmental Analysis will be available for review and another 30-day comment period in Summer 2010.

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